

December 6, 2016

MEMO TO: Senate Health Policy Committee

MEMO FROM: David M. Krhovsky, MD, President

RE: House Bill 5400

On behalf of the more than 15,000 physicians of the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS), I am writing to provide our position relative to the House passed version of House Bill 5400. This legislation takes the important step of updating the Public Health Code to better reflect the role of Advance Practice Nurses within the health care setting. The changes made to House Bill 5400 address all of the significant underlying concerns MSMS has had with previous versions of the legislation. Consequently, MSMS has withdrawn our opposition to House Bill 5400.

We would like to be on record with the members of the Senate Health Policy Committee that the process undertaken by the sponsor of the bill has been inclusive, thorough, and fair. MSMS and other stakeholders have had a reasonable opportunity to provide input at every step of this process. It should be noted that much of the initial groundwork for this compromise was due to the work of the Senate Health Policy Committee. Individual members of the Committee as well as staff deserve a great deal of credit for challenging conventional thinking on this issue and tirelessly driving toward consensus. House Bill 5400 is the culmination of these collective efforts and a crucial step forward in resolving this issue.

MSMS is supportive of moving this process forward and taking the necessary legislative steps to resolve this issue prior to the end of the current legislative session. MSMS is pleased to be on record as "neutral" on House Bill 5400 as passed by the House.

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